

WILMINGTON
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OF HEALTH
B O R O U G H O F T E N B Y

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1953

To His Worship the Mayor, and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1953.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population, (Registrar General's Estimate).....1953
..... 4,382

	Borough of Tenby, 1953	Borough of Tenby, 1952	County of Pembroke.	England & Wales
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	13.9	13.2	16.7	15.5
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	14.8	10.7	11.7	11.4
Infantile Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	65.5	Nil	25.3	26.8

<u>Causes of Death</u>	M.	F.
Total (all causes)	29	36
Tuberculosis (all forms)	-	-
Cancer	2	4
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	5
Coronary disease, angina	5	7
Other heart disease	3	7
Other circulatory disease	5	3
Influenza	2	-
Pneumonia	1	-
Bronchitis	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1
Congenital malformations	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	6
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-
All other accidents	-	1

The Death Rate is higher than that for the County of Pembroke or for the whole Country. It must be pointed out, however, that 63% of the total deaths were of persons over the age of seventy, while 32% were over eighty years of age.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is very high. There were four deaths of infants under one year, all of which occurred in the first month of life. They were due to atelectasis in two cases, to a congenitally faulty heart in one case, and to intracranial cedema in the fourth case.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Scarlet Fever 1 Measles 7 Whooping Cough 3

All these cases were isolated and treated at home.

TUBERCULOSIS

Three cases of respiratory Tuberculosis were notified, of which one was admitted to Hospital during the year. There were no deaths due to Tuberculosis.

There was no Mass Radiography done during 1953: but the Unit is expected to visit the Borough before the end of 1954.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

VACCINATION

Free vaccination against Smallpox is offered to all babies, and any other persons for whom it may be advisable. This is carried out by the local Doctors, who are paid by the County Council for notification of either successful vaccination or failure after the second attempt. Records were received of 10 primary and 10 secondary vaccinations during the year.

IMMUNISATION

This is also carried out by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council on receipt by your Medical Officer of the record cards. Record cards were received of the immunisation of 52 children, and of 5 re-inforcing injections.

Other arrangements for Local Health Services are carried out by the County Council

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

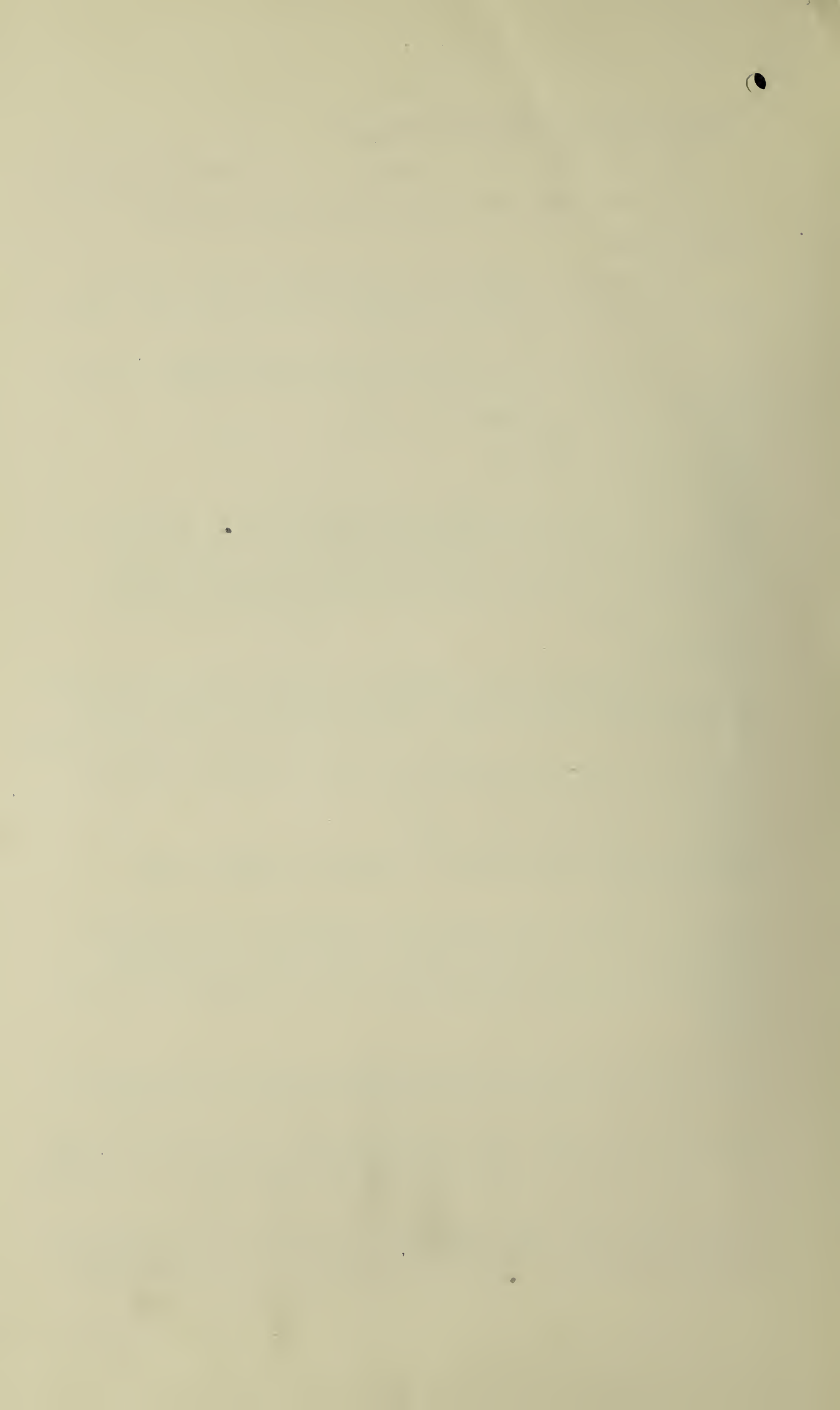
Several old people were visited, but no statutory action was found to be necessary. With the very willing co-operation of the Welfare Officer and Home Help Organiser of the County Council, it was found possible in each case to have the old person cared for at home.

WATER

Water samples were taken monthly, and with the exception of one from the new Precelly supply, were all satisfactory.

The water supplied from November has been solely from the Precelly Water Board, the Pumping Station and the Ritec supply being used only as a standby source until such times as the Water Board can guarantee a full supply to all its members.

The High Level Reservoir being completed, the question of development in the high area will no doubt have to be considered in the near future. The only premises in the Borough without a piped supply are in the North Cliff area.



DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Western Outfall

Western Outfall was completed and a revised system of Penstock operation has been tried. The tank sewer is now emptied much more quickly and efficiently by the revised times of operating.

Exploratory work was carried out for the sewer extension to take the Marsh Road housing site.

Minor storm relief work was carried out in the Green area, and new street gullies have been installed to attempt to combat the smell nuisance.

BEACHES

Isolated complaints of Beach fouling were received but no evidence was collected. It is anticipated that the revised penstock operation will eliminate further complaints in this field.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Exploratory work was carried out in the question of additional space for refuse disposal tipping. The possibility of utilising the field on the opposite side of the road for controlled tipping was investigated, so that it might later be used as a car park when the existing refuse tip is completed and laid out as a playing field.

HOUSING

The bankrupt Glebe Housing Contract was successfully completed by direct labour. The 22 houses were completed and occupied in the scheduled 12 months. The whole of the work showed a substantial saving on the lowest contract Tender.

FOOD

Following the appointment of an additional Sanitary Inspector late in 1952, it was found possible to carry out routine inspection of premises on which food was prepared and sold.

The Council will remember that the first additional Sanitary Inspector reported on the failure of most premises, in which meals are prepared and cooked, to reach the minimum standard of cleanliness required.

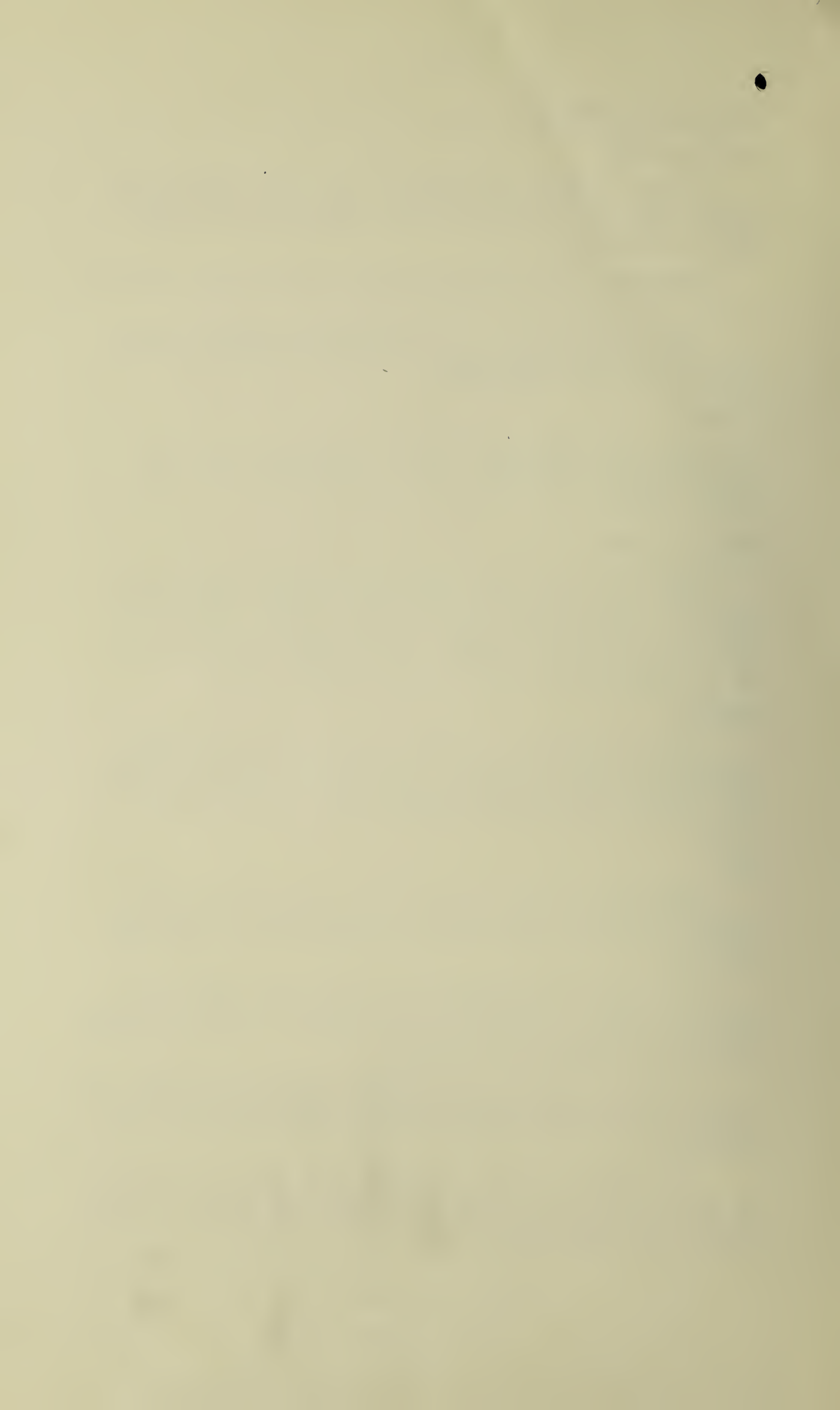
It will be noted in the Sanitary Inspector's report that a total of 60 visits has been paid to cafe kitchens, and every endeavour has been made to bring them up to the minimum standard.

It is still a matter of some concern that so much milk is sold in the Borough direct from bulk containers, a system which is particularly prone to lead to contamination of the milk by dust and flies.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

Dorothy M. Griffiths,
M.B., B.S., D.P.H.



PARTICULARS OF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S WORK

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR 1953

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	82
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	-
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	-
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column)	10
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	2

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10 & 16.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. Nil

No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners) Nil

Public Health Acts

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. 5

No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners) Nil

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 & 13.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made. Nil

No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders. Nil

Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made. 1

HOUSING ACT, 1936, PART IV - OVERCROWDING

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year	Not known
No. of families dwelling therein.	Not known
No. of persons dwelling therein.	Not known
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year.	Not known
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year.	7
No. of persons concerned in such cases.	40

SANITARY INSPECTION

RODENT CONTROL

No.cf properties inspected	232
No.cf properties found to be infested by rats	83
No.cf properties found to be infested by mice	72
No.cf infested properties treated.	152

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

No.cf Registered Dairymen	2
No.cf Retailers in the Borough	6
No.cf inspections	22

Milk Samples

Satisfactory	17
Unsatisfactory	8
Total	<u>25</u>

Ice Cream Samples Nil

No.cf premises visited

Food Premises

Fishmongers	2
Bakeries	32
Butchers	11
Icecream Premises	40
Grocers	28
Cafe Kitchens	60
Market	6

No.cf Inspections re:-

Housing	123
Corporate Estate	79
Nuisances	4
Drainage and Sewerage	14
Moveable Dwellings	1

Investigations as to:-

Tuberculosis Notification	1
Para-typhoid Contact	1
Section 47 National Assistance Act.	1
Other duties	265

Food Inspection

A total of 5 cwts. 93 lbs. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ czs. of fresh and tinned meat and 2 cwts. 30lbs. 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ czs. of other foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered by traders during the year.



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FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	48	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	11	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total:	59	Nil	Nil	Nil

L.J.Cottrell

Borough Surveyor.

